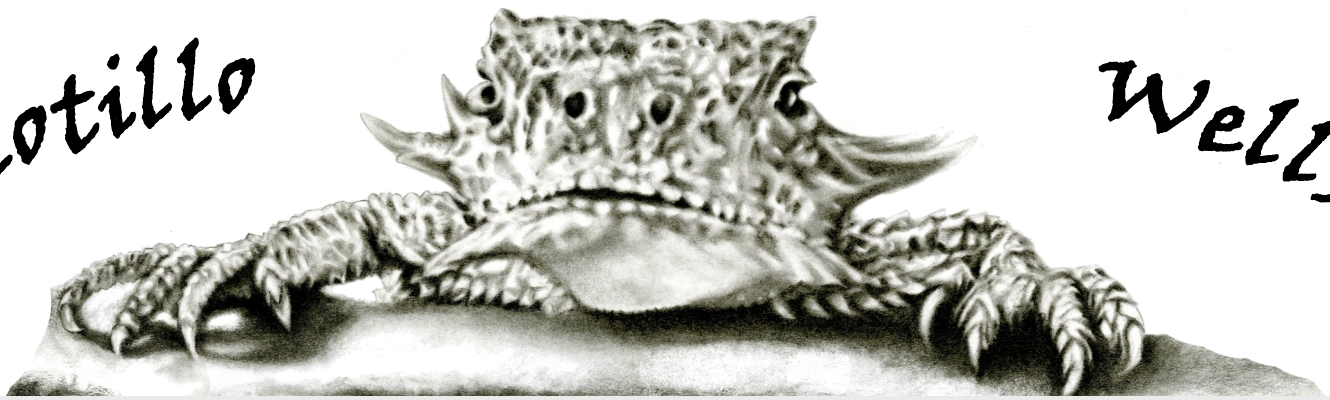


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Interpretive Schedule

Welcome to Ocotillo Wells State Vehicular Recreation Area!

This is your guide to an adventure-filled New Year's weekend.

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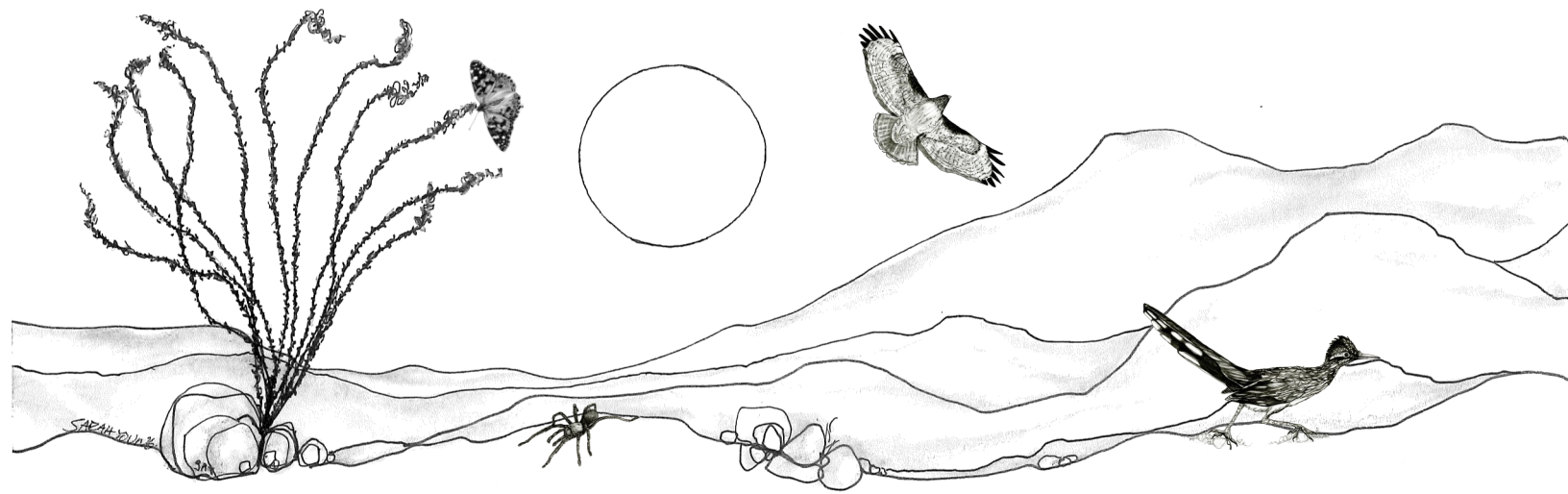
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Friday, December 30th, 2011

8:00 am to 10:00 am **Coffee with a Naturalist**

Thirsty for some information? Stop by the shower house off of Ranger Station Road for a delicious cup of coffee or hot chocolate. Grab a map and get the latest and greatest information about the programs Ocotillo Wells has to offer!

10:00 am to 4:00 pm **Discover Ocotillo Wells! at Poleline Road**

Grab a map, see a live glowing scorpion, pet a coyote pelt, learn your lizards, and see what the male "butcher bird" does to impress the females... These are just a few things you can do at our mobile visitor center this weekend! Discover more about your favorite place to ride!

10:00 am to 4:00 pm **Gnarly Beasts of the Past at Pumpkin Patch**

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11:00 am **Junior Ranger Program: The Raven at Discovery Center**

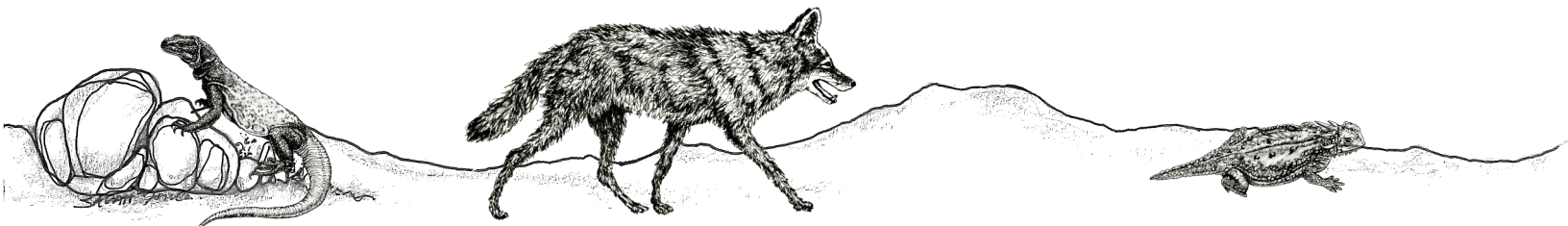
Become a Junior Ranger this weekend! Learn about ravens and you may even get the opportunity to sport a shiny new Junior Ranger Badge! This program is for kids ages 7-12. Activities take approximately 45 minutes.

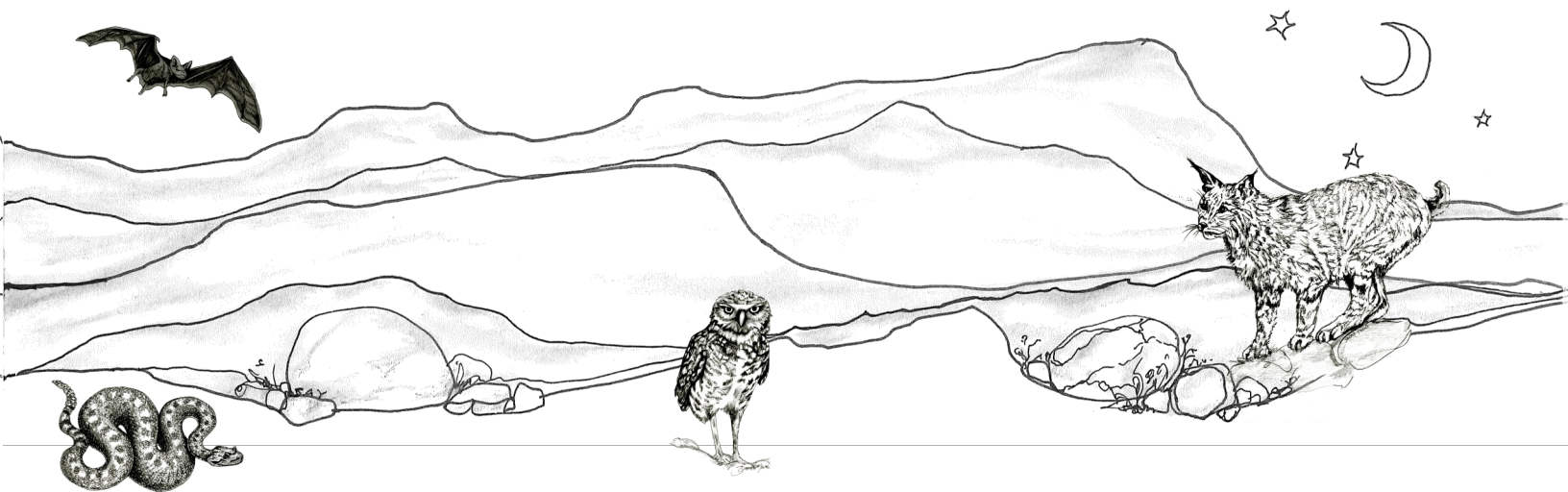
12:00 noon **ATV Geology Tour**

Join our Park Naturalist for an exhilarating tour through the park's geologic past. From Blowsand Hill through Devil's Slide and beyond, you will experience how geology has affected our past, present, and will eventually affect our future. This tour is designed for ATV's, Rhinos, and Jeeps. *Meet at the fenced-in area of Shell Reef by the panels.*



The flat-tailed horned lizard captures prey with their sticky tongues rather than grabbing them with their jaws, and has been known to eat up to 200 ants in a day!





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1:00 pm to 4:00 pm **JR Explorer Zone: Geology Rocks! at Discovery Center**

Visit the Discovery Center anytime between 1:00 pm and 4:00 pm for an action-packed afternoon of games, crafts and fun facts about geology at your favorite state park!

5:00 pm to 9:00 pm **Stargazing at the Amphitheatre**

Join us at the amphitheatre, located near the Ranger Station, for an incredible look at our night sky. Our park interpreters will amaze you with views of the moon, stars and planets. Bring a light jacket and be prepared to drink hot chocolate at this family event.

Saturday, December 31st, 2011

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10:00 am to 4:00 pm **Talking Bubbles at Gas Domes**

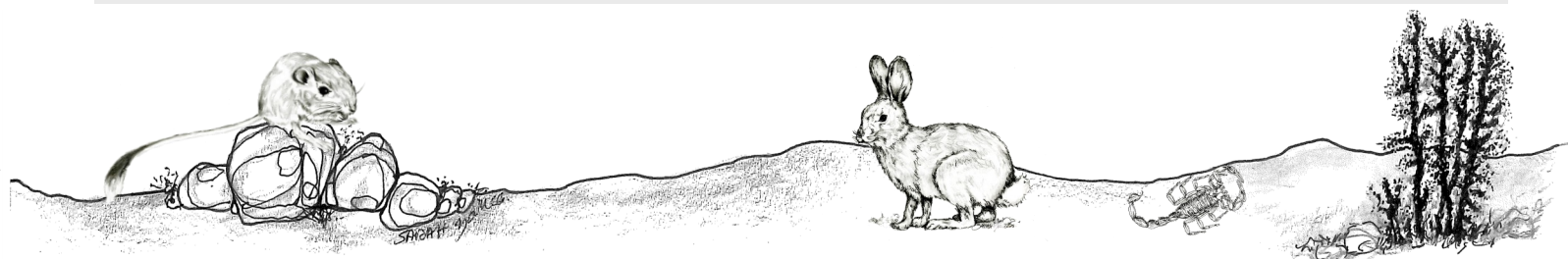
Come learn about what makes the Gas Domes bubble! Join our park interpreters to talk about the amazing forces going on right beneath our feet!

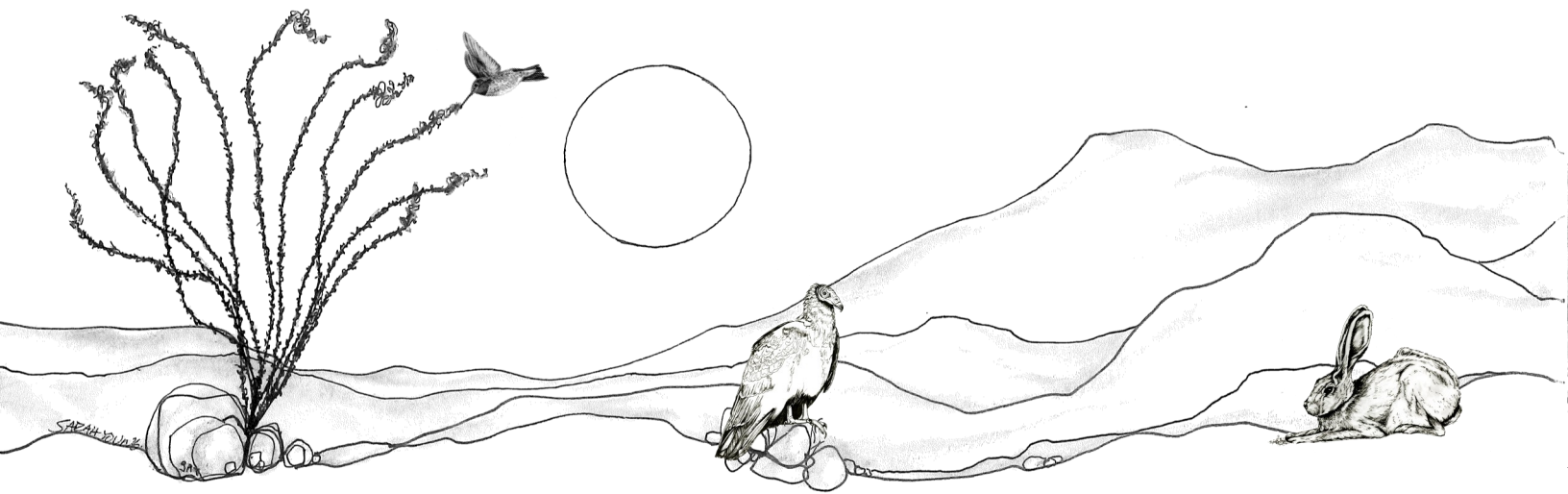
10:00 am to 4:00 pm **Adventure on the Go! at Gas Domes**

Calling all kids! Stop by the Domes to discover fun and adventure at Ocotillo Wells. Check it out!

11:00 am **Junior Ranger Program: Desert Plant Use at Discovery Center**

Become a Junior Ranger this weekend! Learn about the deserts plants located right here at Ocotillo Wells and you may even get the opportunity to sport a shiny new Junior Ranger Badge! This program is for kids ages 7-12. Activities take approximately 45 minutes.





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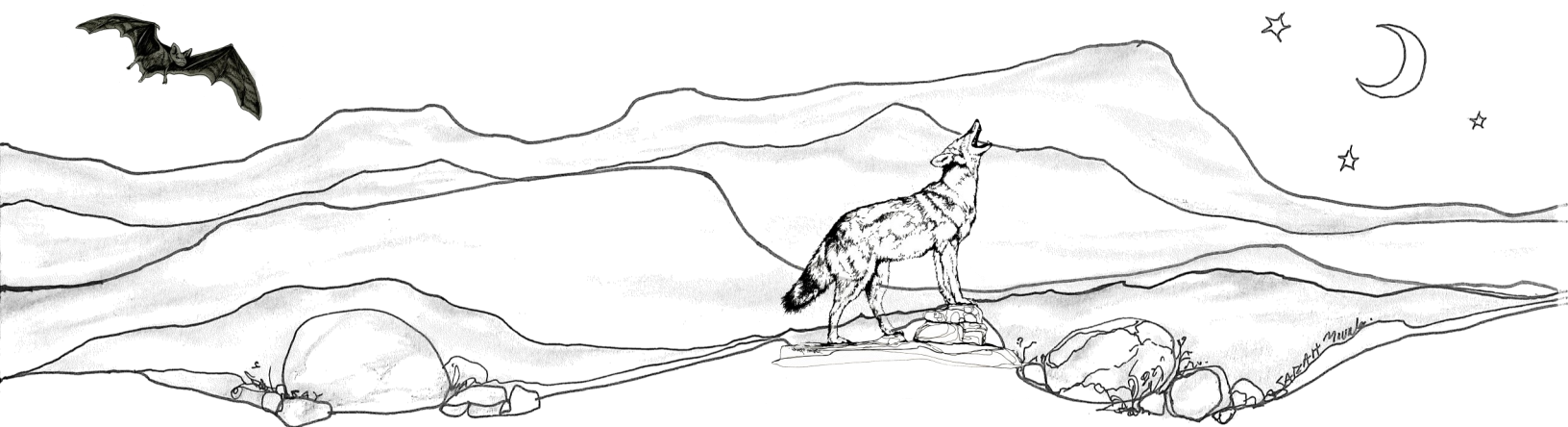
1:00 pm JR Program: Colorful Characters at Discovery Center

Become a Junior Ranger this weekend! Learn about the colorful characters at Ocotillo Wells and you may even get the opportunity to sport a shiny new Junior Ranger Badge! This program is for kids ages 7-12. Activities take approximately 45 minutes.

3:00 pm Junior Ranger Program: The Kit Fox at Discovery Center

Become a Junior Ranger this weekend! Learn about the kit fox and you may even get the opportunity to sport a shiny new Junior Ranger Badge! This program is for kids ages 7-12. Activities take approximately 45 minutes.





Sunday, January 1st, 2012 Happy New Year!

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11:00 am JR Program: The Sands of Blowsand at Discovery Center

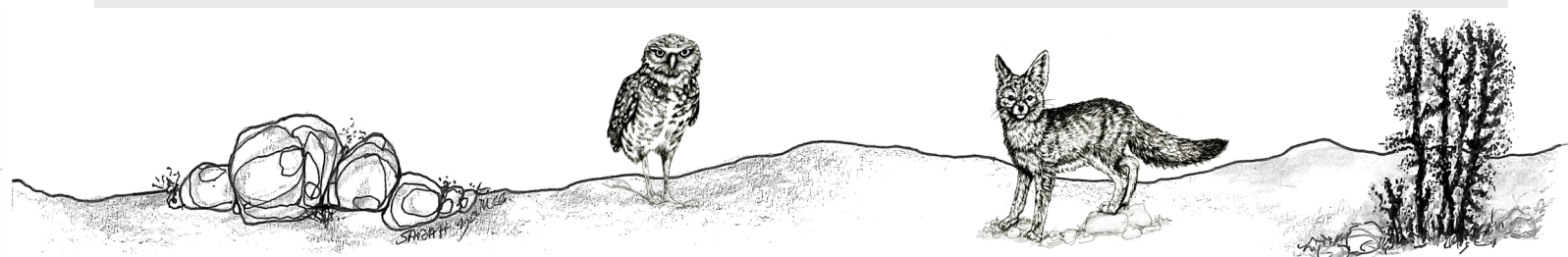
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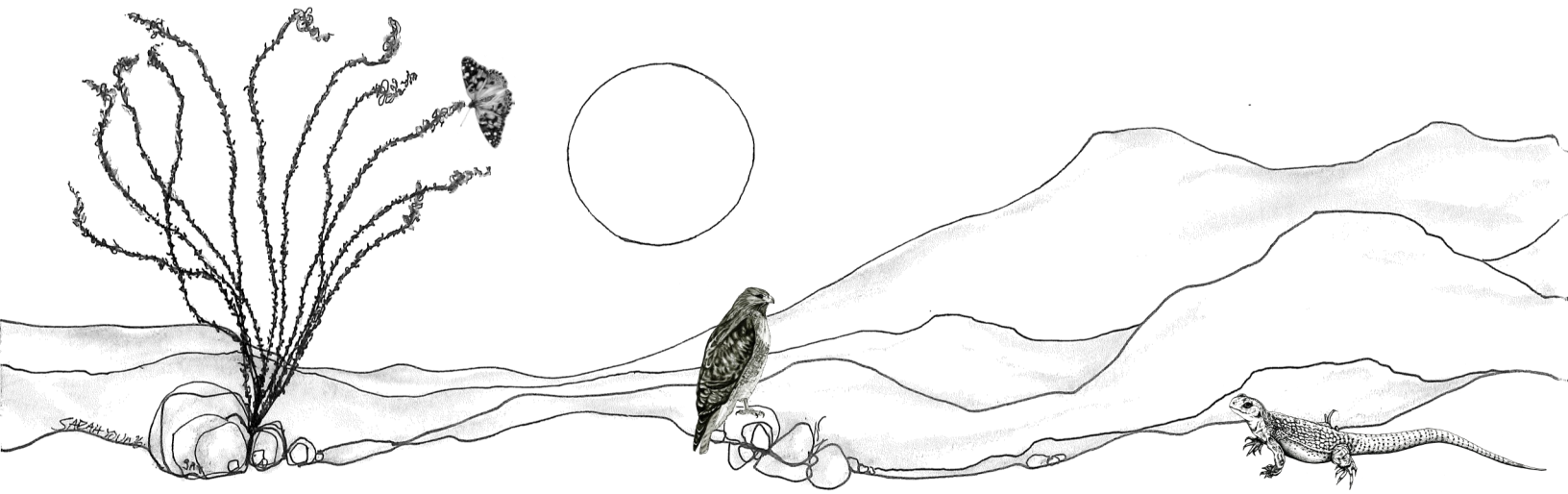
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Monday, January 2nd, 2012

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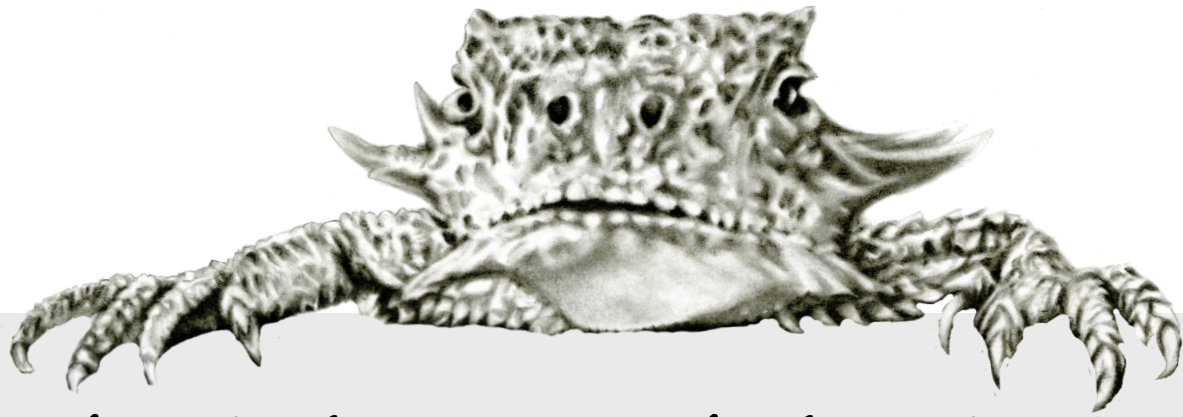
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DID YOU KNOW...

That Ocotillo Wells SVRA has an official Facebook page? Log-in or scan the code on the right and "like" us because after all, we like you! Plus, you'll be informed about the latest and greatest off-highway adventures, special events and much more!

www.facebook.com/OcotilloWellsSVRA





*The wonders of Ocotillo Wells are here for your discovery.
While visiting us, take time to enjoy the subtle things around you,
they are worthy of your exploration.*

Upcoming Events

Take a look at Ocotillo Wells Off-Road Tour Series:

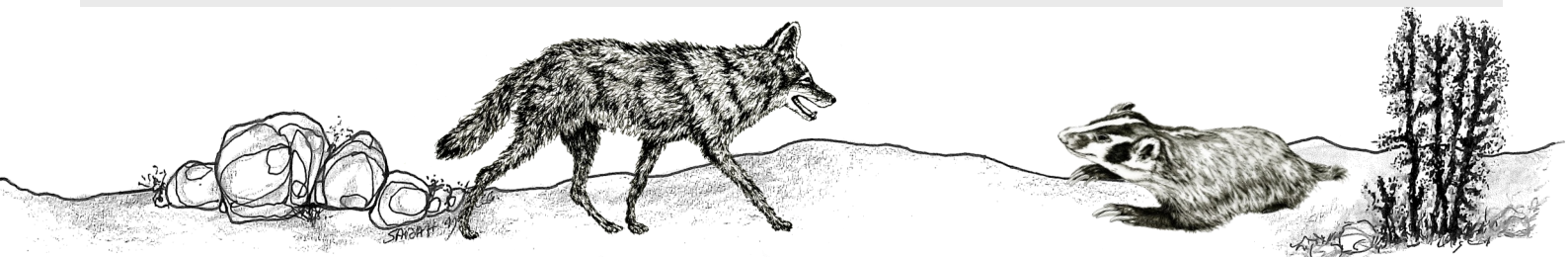
**Colorful Desert Characters
January 6th, 2012**

Join our Park Interpreters to discover the colorful characters Ocotillo Wells has hosted throughout the years. Visit the same sites that the first settlers of California, oil entrepreneurs, gold prospectors, movie stars and hippies once trod.

These tours meet at the Discovery Center at 9:00 am and last until approximately 1:00 pm. Come prepared for these excursions with a high clearance, 4wd vehicle, plenty of water, lunch, and most important, a sense of adventure! Call (760) 767-5393 for more information.

****NOTE**** Additional tours for groups may be available Wednesday through Saturday, if organized in advance. For more information please contact Andrew Fitzpatrick at 760-767-5068 or adfitzpatrick@parks.ca.gov.

What's up at OW? Tune into AM 1620 Radio Rock-otillo!



Ocotillo Wells State Vehicular Recreation Area Presents the Third Annual

Roughneck Rendezvous



An Off-Highway
Geocaching
Adventure!



Join
Us!



2 EXCITING DAYS · JANUARY 28 & 29, 2012

January 27th

12:00PM-4:00PM:
Pre-Registration at the
Discovery Center.

**CALIFORNIA STATE PARKS
SUPPORTS EQUAL ACCESS.
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January 28th

7:00AM-9:30AM:
Registration

7:00AM-5:00PM:
Roughneck Rendezvous
Geocache Scavenger
Hunt!

6:30PM-8:00PM:
Event awards and
raffle!

January 29th

7:00AM-11:00AM:
Join us for our
Cache In Trash Out
event and help keep
Ocotillo Wells a clean
and safe place to play!

11:00AM-12:30PM:
Join us for a **FREE**
BBQ lunch!!



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